

REMARKS

An attempt has been made in the foregoing amendment to place the application in ready condition for allowance by cancelling all claims which were rejected under the recapture rule, under 35 U.S.C. §102, 35 U.S.C. §103, and 35 U.S.C. §112. This includes cancellation of claims 16, 18, 31-34 and 55-75 which stand rejected in the Advisory Action of December 21, 2007. Certain other claims have also been cancelled.

The only amendments to the claims submitted in this supplemental response are to correct certain informalities specifically pointed out by the Examiner on pages 4-5 of the PTO final action dated July 28, 2005.

Applicant is uncertain as how to handle the requirement that separate elements or steps in the claims be indented (37 C.F.R. §1.75(i)). As pointed out in the opening statement of this supplemental response, we have been advised that this is not an amendment. However, there must be some appropriate way to comply with this PTO requirement which would indicate to the Printing Branch of the PTO that indentation has been or should be made.

I have accordingly attached Exhibit A to this response, which includes a copy of each claim, properly indented, which had been objected to for lack of indentation. No changes have been made to the wording of any of these claims. This should overcome the PTO's objection to such claims.

It should also be pointed out that in connection with the Examiner's requirement for indentation, in some cases a parent claim (for example, claim 1) required indentation due to a multiple number of elements in the claim; while a dependent claim (for example, claim 4) only recites a single element where no indentation is possible. Accordingly,

while the Examiner objected to claim 4, for example, as lacking indentation, the correction to such objection in this situation is by indentations in the parent claim, so, for example, dependent claim 4 is not included in Exhibit A.

The same general situation arises in connection with the informalities. Here again, an informality pointed out by the Examiner in claim 19 affects a large number of claims depending on claim 19, such as claim 20, but no specific amendment is made in the amendment of claim 20, because the objection is already taken care of by amending claim 19.

The following is a summary of the status of all 75 claims in the application which include a summary of all amendments made to the claims in this response.

Summary of the Examiner's Rejections and Objections:

Claims 16-18, 26, 31-34, 37, 44, 47, 52 and 55-75 were rejected, and all such claims have been cancelled.

Pages 4-5 of the final rejection letter of July 28, 2005, set forth informalities to which objections were made by the Examiner. As to the informalities in claims 18, 36, 37, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 75, these claims have been cancelled, and the objections are moot. As to the informalities in claims 19, 35, 36, 40, 41 and 41, each such claim has been amended herein as per the Examiner's suggestion.

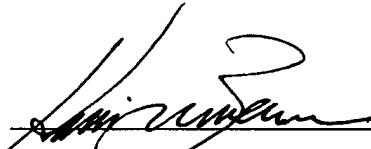
On page 5 of the final rejection letter of July 18, 2005, objection was made to claims 1-12, 16-30, and 35-54 for lack of indentation of separate steps or elements in the claims as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.75(i). All such claims have been discussed herein or disclosed in Exhibit A to provide for such indentation, except for claims 16-18, 26, 37, 44

and 47, which have been cancelled. It may also be noted that claims 4, 10, 12, 20-22, 24, 27, 28, 30, 38, 39, 41, 45, 46, 48-51, 53 and 54 are dependent claims reciting a single added element, so no indentation is required, as this has been handled by appropriate indentation in the respective patent claims from which these depend.

Because of the lengthy pendency of this application, it is hoped that a resolution may be made of this case of any matters remaining in dispute.

Respectfully submitted,

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